



# Alternate Channel

*The newsletter for and about the members of the*  
**LOUDOUN COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE SYSTEM**

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**Search and Rescue Training  
Exercise a Big Success in Arcola**

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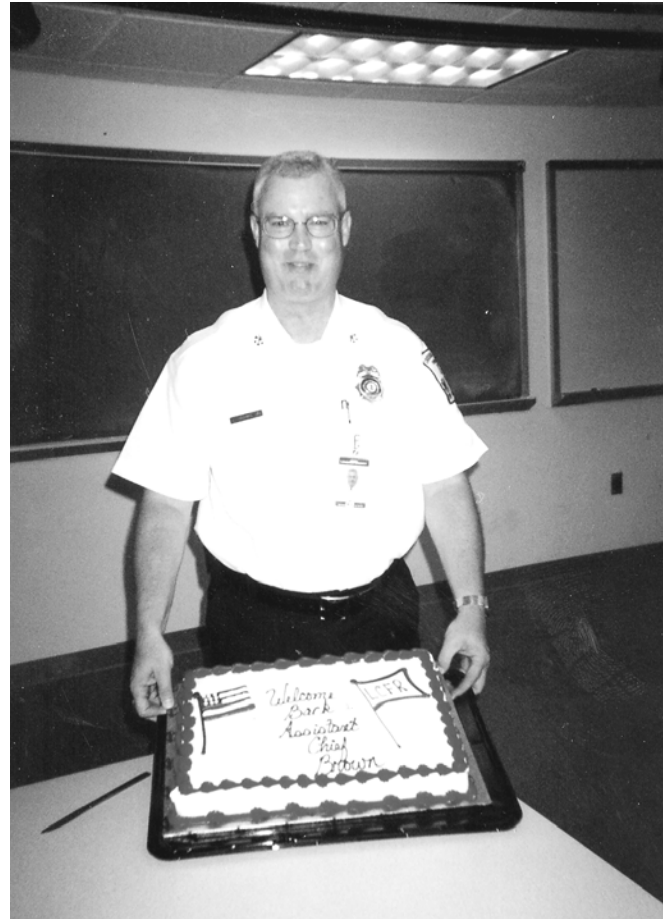
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## Assistant Chief Brown Returns from Active Duty

The Loudoun County Department of Fire & Rescue Services celebrates the return of Assistant Chief Jack Brown from active duty with the United States Coast Guard.

Assistant Chief  
Brown holding up  
his welcome back  
cake.

Welcome  
Back!



Chief Griffin and Lou Ann Welsh serve cake to Scott Stonesifer.

### **Search and Rescue a Big Success in Arcola**

On May 5, 2002, volunteer and career members from Arcola and South Riding participated in a training exercise on Gum Spring Road. The ranch style house with a partial basement was donated to the department by Brookfield Homes. The exercise focused on search and rescue, overhaul, and using tools to create an alternate escape route. The house was sealed up and smoke filled the rooms from a barrel with smoldering wet hay, as firefighters entered the building to look for simulated victims that were hidden in various locations in the house. A rapid intervention team was staged to assist if necessary.

After several victim searches, a firefighter down drill was performed and after the firefighter was located and brought out to safety, the EMS crew went into action in the simulated heart attack scenario. The EMS crew found it difficult, at first, to remove the protective gear on a downed firefighter and developed a system to quickly remove the air pack and turnout coat.

Prior to letting the house go, members practiced ventilation via positive pressure and hydraulic means. They could see the benefits and disadvantages of both types. As the smoke cleared, Lt. Justin Green had firefighters on the interior of the structure practice breaching walls and performed a reduced profile ascent through the wall to a "safe" room. This reinforced the importance to the firefighters of having a tool on their person when entering a building and reminded everyone they may be able to "make" another way out.

Article by Matt Shultz, Fire Chief  
Photos by Ben Sauls



**DRILL:** Firefighter down! EMS works on firefighter having a heart attack.

# NOVEMBER 2002

## Regularly Scheduled Monthly Meetings of the Loudoun County Fire & Rescue System

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 Company 14	4 Companies 1,3,5,6,11,16	5 <b>Fire-Rescue Commission</b>	6 Companies 13 & 17	7 Company 15	8	9
10	11 Companies 2,7,8,9,12 <b>BLS Committee</b>	12 <b>Rescue Chiefs</b>	13 Company 10 <b>Retention &amp; Recruitment Committee</b>	14	15	16
17	18 Company 1 <b>ALS Committee</b>	19 <b>EMS Council</b>	20 <b>Fire Council</b>	21	22	23
24	25 Companies 4 & 8	26 <b>Fire-Rescue Commission Workshop</b>	27 <b>Peer Review Committee</b>	28	29	30

### FIRE & RESCUE SCHEDULED TRAINING

AHA CPR-Healthcare Provider

Class #6-October 19, 2002

Class #7-December 8, 2002

October 12-13 & 26-27, 2002:

EMT-B Refresher for the Experi-  
enced Provider



***A BIG THANK YOU***  
***for the articles!***  
***Please keep the articles***  
***& photos coming!***

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and Photographs to  
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**Loudoun County  
Training Center  
Engine 99 and Ambulance 99**

**By Mike Sanders  
Ashburn, Company 6**

During the summer of 2002, two new fire and rescue apparatus have been placed into service at the Loudoun County training center near Leesburg. With the radio designations of "Engine 99" and "Ambulance 99", the two new apparatus will support all training functions held at the training center.

**Engine 99** is a 2001 Pierce Enforcer that is painted in the county color of white with a red stripe. Powered by a 350 HP Cummins engine, Engine 99 has a 1250 gpm pump and carries 500 gallons of water. The Pierce has a 10 inch raised roof and can seat a maximum of six firefighters. Engine 99 has several unique features about the unit. To assist in training firefighters about pump operations, parts of the pump panel are clear so that the plumbing behind the pump panel can be seen. In addition, a Wil-Burt Nightscan light tower sits on top of the Enforcer cab. Prior to the arrival of Engine 99, the county was using a red and white 1982 American LaFrance pumper. This LaFrance originally began its career with the New York City Fire Department (FDNY) and was purchased in the early 1990's by the county from a dealer that refurbishes and sells fire apparatus. The temporary plans for the American LaFrance is to keep the unit on the roster at the training center.



Joining the new Pierce at the training academy is **Ambulance 99**, a 2002 Ford F650 that was built by Wheeled Coach out of Winter Park, Florida. Typically "monster medics" are built on either Freightliner or International chassis. Ambulance 99 is uncommon with the Ford F650 chassis and is one of the first such units in the Northern Virginia area. Also painted white with a red stripe, Ambulance 99 is a MAV series built by Wheeled Coach. Among other features, MAV, or Medical Attack Vehicle, are designed specifically to provide more interior patient and crew space and have a strong chassis construction.

My thanks to Mary Maguire of the LCFR for making arrangements to have the new Engine 99 and Ambulance 99 photographed on an extremely hot day in August.

## CAD STREETS—AUGUST 2002

Street Name	Cross-Street	Subdivision	1st Engine	1st Amb	Box Area
Allium Ln	Triticum Ln	Moler	12	12	12-1
Ayr Hill Ct	Ridgeway Dr	Broadlands South	6	6	6-13
Baish Dr SE	Hope Pkwy SE	Stratford	1	13	1-11
Balboa Al	Livingston Tr	Brambleton	9	9	9-0
Belmont Glen Pl	Belmont Ridge Rd	Belmont Glen	6	6	6-13
Beryl Tr	Carbonate Tr	Stone Ridge North	9	9	9-9
Blackthorn Sq	Caraway Tr	Oakgrove Townhomes	11	15	11-7
Blue Elder Tr	Ryan Rd	Brambleton	9	9	9-0
Broadwell Ct	Highview Trail Pl	Broadlands South	6	6	6-13
Cambria Tr NE	Nashville Pl NE	Edwards Landing	1	13	1-9
Captain Smith Al	Livingston Tr	Brambleton	9	9	9-0
Caraway Tr	Oakgrove Rd	Oakgrove Townhomes	11	15	11-7
Carbonate Tr	Stone Springs Bl	Stone Ridge North	9	9	9-9
Carry Back Ln	Black Gold Pl	Beacon Hill	1	17	1-3
Cartier Tr	Legacy Park Dr	Brambleton	9	9	9-0
Colonel Grenata Ci SE	Tolbert Ln SE	Freedom Park	1	13	1-11
Cortez Tr	Livingston Tr	Brambleton	9	9	9-0
Crested Quail Dr	Croson Ln	Quail Pond Estates	6	6	6-14
Desoto Tr	Livingston Tr	Brambleton	9	9	9-0
Dwyer Ct	Bell Rd	Light Ridge	4	4	4-4
Ebaugh Dr SE	Baish Dr SE	Stratford	1	13	1-11
Ella Ct SE	Alpine Dr SE	Stowers	1	13	1-12
Fairhunt Dr	Belmont Glen Pl	Belmont Glen	6	6	6-13
Fontwell Sq	Caraway Tr	Oakgrove Townhomes	11	15	11-7
Fountain Grove Sq	Ryan Rd	Brambleton	9	9	9-0
Ghiorzi Ln	Wenner Rd	Ghiorzi	12	12	12-2
Goldenseal Sq	Hollyhock Tr	Brambleton	9	9	9-0
Granite Falls Ln	Harmony Church Rd	Harrison Family	1	13	1-7
Hanrahan Ct SE	Whipp Dr SE	Stratford	1	13	1-11
Hartford Ct NE	Tennessee Dr NE	Edwards Landing	1	13	1-9
Highview Trail Pl	Ridgeway Dr	Broadlands South	6	6	6-13
Holly Knoll Ct	Fairhunt Dr	Belmont Glen	6	6	6-13
Hollyhock Tr	Blue Elder Tr	Brambleton	9	9	9-0
Hunt Valley Ln	Greggsville Rd	Weatherburne Homes	8	14	8-6
Keokuk Tr NE	Tennessee Dr NE	Edwards Landing	1	13	1-9
Larue Ct	Belmont Glen Pl	Belmont Glen	6	6	6-13
Lasalle Al	Sundew Al	Brambleton	9	9	9-0
Laughing Quail Ct	Crested Quail Dr	Quail Pond Estates	6	6	6-14
Leesylvania Ct	Fairhunt Dr	Belmont Glen	6	6	6-13
Livingston Tr	Legacy Park Dr	Brambleton	9	9	9-0
Max Ct SE	Alpine Dr SE	Stowers	1	13	1-12
Mayflower Tr	Blue Elder Tr	Brambleton	9	9	9-0
Mindy Ct SE	Alpine Dr SE	Stowers	1	13	1-12
Montauk Ct NE	Tennessee Dr NE	Edwards Landing	1	13	1-9
Morrisonville Corner Ct	Lucketts Bridge Ci	Loudoun Valley Estates	6	6	6-14
Morrissett Ct SE	Whipp Dr SE	Stratford	1	13	1-11
Mountain Crest Ln	Hurley Ln	Benjamin	5	17	5-8
Nashville Pl NE	Tennessee Dr NE	Edwards Landing	1	13	1-9
Pennyroyal Sq	Springcress Tr	Brambleton	9	9	9-0
Petrel Tr NE	Nashville Pl NE	Edwards Landing	1	13	1-9
Philomont Ridge Ct	Oatlands Grove Pl	Loudoun Valley Estates	6	6	6-14

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<b>NEED VOLUNTEER COMPANY NEWS AND PHOTOGRAPHS</b>
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## CONTINUED: CAD STREETS AUGUST 2002

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Princeton Ct NE	Tennessee Dr NE	Edwards Landing	1	13	1-9
Quail Pond Pl	Croson Ln	Quail Pond Estates	6	6	6-14
Richard Dr SE	Alpine Dr SE	Stowers	1	13	1-12
Rockrose Sq	Hollyhock Tr	Brambleton	9	9	9-0
Rusert Dr SE	Baish Dr SE	Stratford	1	13	1-11
Shana Dr SE	Alpine Dr SE	Stowers	1	13	1-12
Springcress Tr	Hollyhock Tr	Brambleton	9	9	9-0
Stone Springs Bl	John Mosby Hwy	Stone Ridge North	9	9	9-9
Sundew Al	Regal Wood Dr	Brambleton	9	9	9-0
Tennessee Dr NE	Battlefield Pkwy NE	Edwards Landing	1	13	1-9
Thimbleberry Sq	Mayflower Tr	Brambleton	9	9	9-0
Topsfield Dr	Ridgeway Dr	Broadlands South	6	6	6-13
Valiant Dr	Wendell St	South Riding	19	19	19-2
Village Dr	Claiborne Pkwy	Broadlands South	6	6	6-13
Wallace Dr SE	Alpine Dr SE	Stowers	1	13	1-12
Wendell St	Braddock Rd	South Riding	19	19	19-2
Wheatlands Chase Ct	Oatlands Grove Pl	Loudoun Valley Estates	6	6	6-14
Whipp Dr SE	Hope Pkwy SE	Stratford	1	13	1-12
Withers Grove Ct	Ridgeway Dr	Broadlands South	6	6	6-13



Aircare touching down at the scene of a construction accident on August 21st. Medic 25 and Quint 18 on the scene.

*Photo Courtesy of John Cummings, Co. 15*

Mark Steingesser (Medic 25) and Firefighter Patti Collins (Quint 18) assist Flight Nurse Delores Gehr and Flight Medic Bruce Sis-cowitz move the patient to the helicopter.



*Photo Courtesy of John Cummings, Co. 15*

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## News from PVRs – Co. 14

As with everyone in fire and rescue, things have been busy all summer. Several highlights for Purcellville Rescue we'd like to share. We have two new CT's released and running – please congratulate Sheila Williams and David Swartz in this accomplishment.

The EMT class held in Lovettsville by Karen Deli has wrapped up and several of our members are gearing up for State and County finals in September-October time frame. Kitty Dugay, Shawn Reynolds, Kate Jagoe, Aaron Thompson, Joe Bullock have survived the class and biting fingernails to get through the rest of testing.

Co14 has two members in EMT-I class at this time, Lisa Raper and Bill Wilkinson. We wish them success in this endeavor.

Several months ago we announced putting in service a new 2001 Ford ambulance as a replacement for 14-2. Our ambulance 14-1 has kicked the bucket and been out of service for some months. Co14 has ordered a new 2002 Ford F-350 to replace 14-1 which we hope is here by winter.

Last bit of news to share with our fire and rescue community is the approval of our loan to proceed with a new PVRs facility. As most of you know, we have been in our current facility for about 35 years and have outgrown it several times over.

Submitted by Sue Johnson, Co. 14

### Check It Out!

The Philomont Volunteer Fire Department's web site, [www.philomontvfd.org](http://www.philomontvfd.org), was cited in the July 2002 Issue of the Firehouse Magazine as one of the "Hot Spots On the Web". Wow!

The web site has had over 1000 visitors since it went up in February. Check it out!

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## Advise New Members

### How to Obtain Fire-Rescue Photo ID Cards

The only responsibility of the volunteer is to have their photograph taken by the Communications Division staff. Call the Communication's Center at 703-777-0637 prior to coming to the center to ensure the dispatchers are not too busy.

You will not receive your card at that time. The ID cards will be processed and sent to your station.

### Fire Prevention Week 2002

**"Team Up for Fire  
Safety"**

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